

## Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe



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June 15, 2009

USDA Rural Development  
Attn: Mark S. Plank  
1400 Independence Avenue, MS 1571  
Washington, DC 20250-1571

RE: **Proposed Hampton-Rochester-La Crosse 345 kV Transmission System**  
Goodhue, Rice, Dakota, Winona, Wabasha, Olmsted, Dodge, and  
Houston Counties, Minnesota  
Buffalo, Trempealeau, and La Crosse Counties, Wisconsin  
**LL-THPO Number: 09-121-NCRI**

Dear Mr. Plank:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above-referenced project. It has been reviewed pursuant to the responsibilities given the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended in 1992 and the Procedures of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (38CFR800).

**T-003-001** **I have reviewed the documentation; after careful consideration of our records, I have determined that the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe does not have any concerns regarding sites of religious or cultural importance in this area.**

*Should any human remains or suspected human remains be encountered, all work shall cease and the following personnel should be notified immediately in this order: County Sheriff's Office and Office of the State Archaeologist. If any human remains or culturally affiliated objects are inadvertently discovered this will prompt the process to which the Band will become informed.*

Please note: The above determination does not "exempt" future projects from Section 106 review. In the event of any other tribe notifying us of concerns for a specific project, we may re-enter into the consultation process.

You may contact me at (218) 335-2940 if you have questions regarding our review of this project. Please refer to the LL-THPO Number as stated above in all correspondence with this project.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina M. Lemon  
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer

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RUS appreciates the response from the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe regarding consultation on the proposed project.